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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: GUINEA AND THE "PROGRESSIVE" WORLD

1. DURING PAST FEW MONTHS GOG HAS REPEATEDLY BEEN TAKING HEAT FROM SOVIETS, NORTH KOREANS, ALGERIANS, AND OTHERS OF THIS ILK FOR ALLEGEDLY MUTING GUINEA'S ONCE STRIDENT VOICE IN SUPPORT OF "PROGRESSIVE" CAUSES IN THE WORLD. ONE SUCH JIBE HAS COME TO OUR NOTICE, FOR EXAMPLE, FROM "REVOLUTION AFRI-CAINE" (ALGIERY GL NO. 727 (JAN. 25, 1978) WHICH COMPLAINED OF GUINEA'S SILENCE ON WESTERN SAHARA, HORN OF AFRICA, AND MIDDLE EAST. GUINEA'S "RETREAT FROM THE ANTI-IMPERIALIST STRUGGLE", ACCORDING TO RA, STEMS FROM FRENCH EFFORTS TO "WIN BACK" THE GUINEAN REVOLUTION. MEANWHILE, NORTH KOREA'S INTENSE DISPLEASURE OVER GUINEA'S DECISION TO ESTABLISH TIES WITH ROK HAS BEEN OBVIOUS, AND SEKOU TOURE'S OLIVE BRANCH TO SENEGAL

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AND IVORY COAST IS ALSO OUT OF KEEPING WITH INTRANSIGENT RADICALISM AND NOT PLEASING TO SOVIETS HERE.

2. GOG IS FAIRLY WELL EMBARKED BY NOW ON AT LEAST MEDIUM-TERM ECONOMIC OPENING TO WEST AND IS SEEKING AID FROM MORE DIVERSE PARTNERS (E.G., SOUTH KOREA) IRRESPECTIVE OF IDEO-LOGICAL KINSHIP. HOWEVER, EMBASSY HAS INDICATIONS THAT GOG

MAY HAVE TAKEN SO MANY SMALL STEPS AT ONCE IN THIS DIRECTION
THAT IT MUST AGAIN DEVOTE MORE ATTENTION TO ITS LEFT FLANK, TO
KEEP BALANCE. RECENT EXAMPLE OF THE "OLD" FIREBREATHING
LTINEA IS SEKOU TOURE'S RESPONSE, RELEASED HERE AS PAMPHLET
LAST WEEK, TO REV. NDABANINGI SITHOLE'S MARCH 6 REQUEST THAT
GUINEA SUPPORT HIS INTERNAL RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT. TOURE BLASTS SETTLE-

MENT AS "STAB IN BACK" AND "TREASON"; SETTLEMENT MUST BE
"IMPOSED ON", NOT AGREED WITH, SMITH; STRUGGLE "BY ALL METHODS"
MUST CONTINUE UNTIL "TOTAL LIBERATION" IS ACHIEVED. GUINEA
OPPOSES "ALL DICKERING AND COMPLICITY" WITH SMITH (BUT IN
CLOSING TOURE BIDS SITHOLE "FRATERNAL SENTIMENTS").OE 3. COMMENT: WE
EXPECT THAT WHATEVER RECONCILIATION OR MODUS
VIVENDI MAY BE ACHIEVED AT MONROVIA SUMMIT MARCH 18, WE
SHALL CONTINUE TO SEE FLASHES OF THE "OLD" TOURE'S RHETORIC
ESPECIALLY
ON SUCH STAPLE AFRICAN ISSUES AS ZIMBABWE AND SOUTH
AFRICA IRRESPECTIVE OF MODERATE DEPARTURES THE "NEW" TOURE
IS TAKING IN PRACTICE. END COMMENT.
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